

RITE OF SPRING

Golf and glory at the

Masters

On April 7-10, the world's elite golfers will square off at the Augusta National Golf Club for the 86th Masters Tournament. But the players won't be the only stars in this show.

When the eyes of the golf world turn to Augusta, they're often focused on the spectacular natural beauty of the famous golf course. The Georgia gem is legendary for its breathtaking vistas that signal spring has arrived.

Here are a few facts about the magnificent natural environment where the contest plays out.

- 1 The course was previously the site of Fruitland Nurseries, famous for popularizing the azalea plant in the U.S. More than 30 varieties of azaleas can be found around the course.
- 2 Henry Crowell, founder of the Quaker Oats Company, was the original landscape artist for the grounds. He supervised the installation of more than 4,000 plants and trees in 1932.
- 3 Over 80,000 plants of more than 350 varieties frame the course today.

- 4 Each hole is named after the landscaping that adorns it. The 13th hole, aptly named Azalea, contains more than a thousand of the shrubs.
- 5 A crew of 40 full-time employees and 60 volunteers (many of them traveling to Georgia from other countries) micromanage the grounds during the tournament.

Whether you see it in person or on TV, the Masters and Mother Nature are co-stars in an annual rite of spring you won't want to miss.



Top with sliced apricot for extra flavor.

gas up the stove

Noodle Pudding

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound wide egg noodles, cooked
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1 cup apricot nectar
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup margarine, softened

TOPPING

- 2/3 cup crushed corn flakes
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons margarine, melted

Mix noodles, eggs, apricot nectar, milk, sugar and margarine, and put the mixture into an 8" square dish. For the topping, mix corn flakes, sugar and margarine. Spread the topping over the mixture. Bake at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes.

Submitted by Rochelle Ziglin of Dunwoody. Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.

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April Brings Festival Fun

April is a great time to pack up the family and head out for some weekend festival fun. Happening this month:

Atlanta Dogwood Festival

April 8-10 • Piedmont Park

This is the 86th year for the fine arts celebration.

Sandy Springs Artsapalooza

April 16-17 • Sandy Springs

Live music, gourmet food trucks, interactive art stations and a play area for kids are on tap.

Thomasville Rose Show & Festival

April 21-23 • Downtown Thomasville

The City of Roses hosts its 101st flower show plus parades, concerts, an artisan market and antique car show.

Vidalia Onion Festival

April 21-24 • Vidalia

Celebrate the harvest of the famous Vidalia onion with food contests, tastings, live music, carnival, parade and air show.

Bear on the Square Mountain Festival

April 23-24 • Dahlonega

Nationally recognized bluegrass musicians perform free concerts.

West Georgia Jazz Festival

April 30 • Villa Rica

Local, regional and national jazz artists entertain.



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